



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Tuesday

September 1, 2009

Welcome to the Lincoln Elementary School!

The Lincoln School Parent Association distributes our weekly Lincletters, PrincipalLincs and other communications electronically. Please send your email address to lincolnspa@gmail.com to be added to the email list and include your child (ren)'s name (s).

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome Back to Lincoln! Bridget Stump and I will be serving as co-presidents of the LSPA for this school year. We are excited to be working with such a wonderful group of parents, many of whom have already been scurrying around preparing for the Welcome Back Coffees and the Welcome Back Dinner. A huge thank you goes out to Sue Kiewra who once again forfeited many hours of this sunny August to coordinate the Lincoln Handbook. Our first LSPA meeting will be on Thursday, September 10th at 8:30 in the cafeteria. The first part of the meeting is a new parent orientation followed by the regular agenda at about 9am. Please make sure to come to the coffees the first 2 days of school to reconnect and to learn more about the many terrific committees that need your help this year. Please don't hesitate to contact either of us with any questions or suggestions throughout the year. – Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

CALENDAR

Tuesday and Wed., September 1 and 2

Welcome Back Coffee 8:30-9:30 am

Early release 11:30 am

Friday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 7

No school Labor Day holiday

Thursday, September 10

LSPA Meeting New Parent Orientation
8:30 am

Wednesday, September 16

School Picture Day

Welcome Back Dinner 5-7:30 pm

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

Please join us on Thursday, September 10th at 8:30a.m. in the cafeteria for the New Parent Orientation. The Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA) co-presidents will be there to answer any questions you may have if you are new to Lincoln School.

It will be followed by the first LSPA meeting which all parents are encouraged to attend. The Social Committee will be there with coffee and breakfast goodies and are looking for new members to help us with organizing events such as our Teachers Luncheons in October and March and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon which is held in May. Please contact kerrymc Campbell@gmail.com or jennifer.rappole@verizon.net if you are interested in helping out.

Kerry Campbell and Jenny Rappole
Social Committee Co-Chairs

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

Welcome back!! As we settle into a new school year the Lincoln School Parent Association (LSPA) is working to plan the many events and programs that enrich our children's learning experience. In past years the L.S.P. A. helped fund many programs including Welcome Back Dinners, World's Fair, Science Mania, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers and many grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. This year L.S.P.A. committees are already planning many programs to support and enrich our children's learning experience. The money needed to fund these and many other programs, events, activities and speakers are raised through the LSPA's direct appeal. The direct appeal is the LSPA's only fund raising campaign. This year we need to raise \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support
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To Contribute

To make a contribution, please complete the form attached and deliver it to the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school. For your convenience the box will be at the Ways and Means table at this week's Welcome Back Coffees. **Checks may be made payable to the Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA).** Please note that the LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. In addition, many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

5TH GRADE PARENTS

We just wanted to welcome you back and hope you had a great summer. We hope that you are as excited about the upcoming year as we are, as we would like to make it a year to remember. Please remember to stop by the Welcome Back Coffee and sign up for your favorite 5th Grade Events. You can volunteer for babysitting, ice skating party, ice cream social, pancake breakfast, yearbook, growing up and reaching out, pool party and/or moving on ceremony. We still need Co-Chairs to head up babysitting for parent teacher conferences. Thanks again to everyone who has already volunteered. We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 1st or 2nd.

Lori Scully and Lynn Phillips

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to cover the phones/front desk during lunch (noon – 1pm) and to tally the lunch total (one hour in the morning) – every full school day. It is a great way to see the Lincoln School in action! The time commitment is typically one day per month. Please contact Paula Giancola (paulagiancola@comcast.net, 781.369.1447) for more information or to sign up to help. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BORGGAARD BEACH UPDATE

FANSplash, a subgroup of the Family Action Network (FAN), is proposing to turn Winchester's Borggaard Beach into a barrier-free recreational facility by installing an automated interactive splash park and updating the current playground amenities.

Since the project kicked-off in May, we have gained support from community leaders, local and regional businesses and an amazing network of volunteers. We have made strong headway in our fundraising efforts, and would like to encourage you to patronize the local businesses with whom we have developed donation partnerships with:

- **Whole Foods** will donate 5% of sales made on October 20th to FANSplash.

- **Arbonne** consultant will donate 15% of sales till the end of the year: www.kimking.myarbonne.com.

- **Carole's Kitchen & Bath** will donate 5% of your purchase, up to \$250 when a customer mentions Borggaard Beach: www.kitchenpeople.com.

- **La Patisserie** will donate 20% of sales off of banner clicks from our site: www.fansplash.org/partners.aspx.

- **My Carseat Blankie®** will donating 5% of their sales to the FANSplash project: mycarseatblankie.com.

Be sure to visit Winchester Recreation's website (winrec.org) for information about how to create a personalized tile to be installed in the updated facility as well as www.fansplash.org to learn about our raffle offering incredible prizes, with tickets now on sale at Bookends and at FAN events. **To learn more about the project and how you can help bring a splash park to Winchester, please visit www.fansplash.org.**

WINCHESTER READS PRESENTS:

Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jenks Senior Center, 109 Skillings Road

Winchester historian Kate Clifford Larson will share her biography of Harriet Tubman *Bound for the Promised Land*. This important book is the result of Larson's doctoral dissertation on the life and memory of Tubman who is "one of the giants of American history, a fearless visionary who led scores of her fellow slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War."

The program is one of several events planned in conjunction with this year's book, *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride. McBride will be speaking on October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the McCall Middle School auditorium.

Mark your calendars also for **Ellen Craft: Running 1,000 Miles to Freedom on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Next Door Theater, 40 Cross St.**

Marcia Estabrook, founder of Characters Educational Theater, will portray escaping slave Ellen Craft, a light-skinned Georgia slave who dressed herself as a man and boarded a train for Savannah with her husband William, posed as her slave. Estabrook tells the true story of this couple and their remarkable journey and subsequent life.

The International Connections group of the Multicultural Network invites international residents to come to the Farmer's Market on Winchester Common **Saturday, October 3, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** Look for the table which the Network will be sharing with the Winchester Public Library. There you will meet members of International Connections, sign up for fall conversation groups, and get information about fall activities such as the walk in the Fells and the International Pot Luck Supper. Conversation groups will be offered at different times during the week and participants must register ahead. For more information on the conversation groups call English At Large, 781-395-2374 or Liz Sayre, 781-729-9242.

GRIFFIN MUSEUM GALA

The Griffin Museum of Photography will be holding it's Annual Gala Fundraiser on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 7-10 p.m. This year's theme is "You Ought to be in Pictures!" and will include a silent auction, balloon raffle, live music, and photos with "celebrity" guests. Tickets are \$75 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, dessert and open bar. Space is limited so call 781-729-1158 or email photos@griffinmuseum.org to reserve a space.

A BETTER CHANCE (ABC)

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on **Saturday, September 12, 2009**, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans would be appreciated.

As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome.

For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday. We will distribute a typist schedule soon but in the meantime please submit your news to Ann Olmsted at ann.olmsted@comcast.net and Aylin Flanagan at aylinflanigan@yahoo.com.

TYPISTS NEEDED

Stay in touch with Lincoln School news and events by signing up to help "type" the Lincletter. It's an easy job that can be done from home. We hope to have at least 8 typists to assemble the Lincletter each week. News is submitted by email and just needs to be cut, pasted and formatted to create the Lincletter. It would require about an hour of time once every other month. SO EASY! To sign up please email Ann Olmsted at ann.olmsted@comcast.net or Aylin Flanagan at aylinflanigan@yahoo.com. THANKS!